ting a thermal power station in Rayalaseema region is still pending clearance from various authorities of the Government of India; if so, at what stage;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in the clearance of this project; and

(c) whether Government consider the possibility of taking up this project in the 7th plan in view of the backwardness of the Rayalaseema region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The proposal in respect of installation of a 2x210 MW thermal power station in Rayalaseema (Muddanur Taluk) has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority and has been referred for investment decision. The State Electricity Board have yet to obtain the environmental clearance in respect of the above scheme which has been tentatively identified for 'advance action' in the Seventh Plan for benefits during the Eighth Plan period.

Thermal Power Plant in Kerala

632. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala State Electricity Board had submitted the project report for setting up a thermal power plant at Thrikkarippur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) In November, 1987, the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) submitted a project feasibility report to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in regard to a thermal power station (2x210 MW) at Trikaripur in the Kasargode district. The proposed project is estimated to cost Rs. 569 crores.

The feasibility report could be considered for techno-economic clearance after the statutory requirements, as per Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, have been complied with by the KSEB, necessary inputs such as coal linkage, availability of water etc. have been tied up and requisite clearances, including from the environmental angle, have become available.

Faulty Electric Connections in R. K. Puram School

633. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are loose and faulty electric connections and naked electric wires in the compound pole lights in Municipal Corporation's Primary School in Sector-12, R. K. Puram, New Delhi, which endanger the lives of small school children;

(b) whether the Headmistress of the school and a Member of Parliament have written in this connection to the General Manager, DESU; and

(c) what action is being taken to ensure that all the pole tubelights in the School compound work properly and the faulty wire connections are repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.